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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

After the assignment of a serial number and prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line on page 1:

--This application is a national stage application, according to Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. This application claims the priority date of August 9, 1999 for International Patent Application No. PCT/GB99/02439.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-13 and enter new claims 14 -25, as follows:

14. A finger protector device comprising first, second and third members, the second member being connected between the first and third members by flexible means, the first member is arranged, in use, to be mounted to a first surface and the third

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